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Latest Seasonally Unadjusted Unemployment and Job Estimates for Local Labor Markets in Massachusetts

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BOSTON, MA – [Local unemployment rates decreased in two labor market areas, increased in twenty-one areas and remained the same in one labor market area](#) in the state during the month of June, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to June 2017, the rates dropped in fifteen labor market areas, remained the same in four areas and increased in five labor market areas.

[Twelve of the fifteen areas for which job estimates are published recorded a seasonal job gain in June.](#)

The largest gains occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Barnstable, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, Pittsfield, and Framingham areas. The Leominster-Gardner, Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton and Peabody-Salem-Beverly areas lost jobs over the month.

From June 2017 to June 2018, thirteen of the fifteen areas added jobs, with the largest percentage gains in the Lynn-Saugus-Marblehead, Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Taunton-Middleborough-Norton, and Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton areas. The Peabody-Salem-Beverly area's jobs level remained unchanged over the year while the Framingham area lost jobs.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide-unadjusted unemployment rate for June was 3.9 percent.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the month of June remained at 3.5 percent for the ninth consecutive month.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 21,400 job gain in June, and an over-the-year gain of 63,200 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Estimates for towns with 2010 Census population of less than 1,000 were produced using the BLS methodology, but are not official BLS estimates.

NOTES: The preliminary July 2018 and the revised June 2018 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday August 17, 2018; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi. See the 2018 Media Advisory for complete list of release dates.

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